Statement

	Train description	Frequency	Accommodation per trip		Number of passenger coaches
			Upper Class	II Class	
1	901/902 Trivandrum Guwahati Express (*via* Howrah-Madras).	Weekly	92	935	16
2	939/940 Cochin-Guwahati Express (*via* Howrah-Madras).	Weekly	92	935	16
3	951/952 Cochin-Howrah Express . . .	Weekly	68	865	14

Note: Passenger for Mangalore can take suitable connecting trains at Palghat.

Criteria for Establishing of New Railway Station

1430. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what are the details of criteria for establishing a new railway station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): A new railway station may be provided on an existing railway line, or on a new line under construction, either to serve major population or industrial centres, or on operational considerations, like providing the requisite line capacity to run the required number of trains.

Railway Station at Village Kondaipur

1431. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for establishing a Railway Station at village Kondaipur between Mankar and Paraj of Eastern Railway; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The proposal for opening of a halt station at Village Kondaipur between Mankar and Paraj stations was examined but not found financially justified.

Conversion of Trunk Routes into Broad Gauge

1432. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State Government has requested for conversion of trunk routes into broad gauge and for construction of new lines in their respective States;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the response of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There are a large number of such projects being demanded by various State Governments, from time to time. However, on account of the prevailing constraint of resources, it has not been found practicable to take up any more of new line projects, for the present.